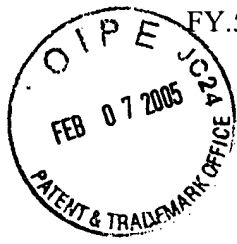


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 15 of this paper.